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TAGS PTER, PHUM, MOPS, PGOV, CE
SUBJECT: SRI LANKA: TAMIL TIGERS SIPHON OFF PART OF
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF FUNDS

Classified By: Ambassador Robert O. Blake, Jr., for reasons 1.4(b,d).

1. (S) SUMMARY: In late May PolOff met the XXXXXXXXXXXX described the LTTE's complete control of all activities that take place in Tiger-contr
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12. (C) On May 21, PolOff met XXXXXXXXXXXX private organization that provides assistance to refugees. XXXXXXXXXXXX described the LTTE's "one
13. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXX noted that the average age of LTTE "recruits" is now 17 years old. He confirmed, however, XXXXXXXXXXXX allegation of force
14. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXX accused the SLMM of turning a blind eye to LTTE forced conscription of Tamil citizens living in the Vanni. XXXXXXXXXXXX sa
15. (C) We have received other credible reports of even more draconian conscription methods used by the Tigers. Some families are reportedly be
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16. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXX told us the LTTE had ordered INGOs to provide all project funding through local NGOs, which are managed collectively by th
17. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXX said that XXXXXXXXXXXX alleges that it does not comply with the LTTE's funding demands, but in reality, it does comply by
18. (C) One June 8, Emboffs met with XXXXXXXXXXXX. XXXXXXXXXXXX stated that UNCHR did not work through TRO representatives in the Vanni, but cc
19. (S) COMMENT: According to XXXXXXXXXXXX, other organizations have not complained about LTTE interference in their operations because they su
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have at least some involvement with the LTTE through the TRO. Our sense is that the money derived from these charities probably goes to fund t